

Appl. No. 09/873,933

Reply to Office Action of December 15, 2004

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated December 15, 2004. In this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 5-35 without prejudice to the submission of such claims in a continuation or divisional application. Claims 1-4 are now pending in this application.

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement between the following groups:

Group I Claims 1-4, and

Group II Claims 5-35.

The Examiner indicated that the invention of Group I has been elected by original presentation. Applicant affirms this election without traverse.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1-4. Applicant respectfully submits that the cancellation of claims 5-35 should place this application in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

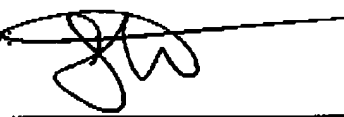
All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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